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For: Implantable Device for the Effective Elimination of  
Cardiac Arrhythmogenic Sites

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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This Preliminary Amendment accompanies an application for reissue of the above-identified U.S. patent. Prior to consideration of the reissue application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, lines 1-3, delete "Implantable Device for the Effective Elimination of Cardiac Arrhythmogenic Sites" and insert IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FOR PENETRATING AND DELIVERING AGENTS TO CARDIAC TISSUE --.

On page 1, beginning immediately after line 3, insert the following paragraph:

The present application is one of two reissue applications filed for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,551,427. The other is reissue application Serial No. 09/146,120, filed September 1, 1998, of which the present application is a divisional.

In the claims:

The accompanying Reissue Application as new claims 27-31 directed to the use of a device with an element adapted to penetrate heart tissue and deliver to surrounding tissue a